

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete paragraph [0013], which appears in the specification at page 3, lines 14-21, and substitute the following paragraph [0013] in place thereof.

[0013] The polymeric resin in the grout composition can comprise a single polymer or a plurality of polymers, such as one or more acrylic latex polymers. Examples of suitable acrylic latex polymers include homopolymers of acrylate, homopolymers of ~~alpha-methyl acrylate methacrylate~~, and copolymers of acrylate and ~~alpha-methyl acrylate methacrylate~~. In addition to any solvent in the polymeric resin, the grout composition can further comprise one or more additional solvents. Solvents can be added in an amount sufficient to improve the workability of the composition. For example, the viscosity of the grout composition can be adjusted such that it is not less than about 240 ~~centipoise Poise~~ (and preferably not more than about 880 ~~centipoise Poise~~).

Please delete paragraph [0046], which appears in the specification at page 10, lines 8-12, and substitute the following paragraph [0046] in place thereof.

[0046] An example of a suitable acrylic latex polymer that can be incorporated into a general purpose grout composition is the acrylic copolymer sold commercially as RHOPLEX (Registered Trademark, "RTM") brand colloid (Rohm & Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA). Other suitable acrylic latexes include homopolymers of acrylate, homopolymers of ~~alpha-methyl acrylate methacrylate~~, and copolymers of acrylate and ~~alpha-methyl acrylate methacrylate~~.